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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Don't let Microsoft off lightly

Sirs,

I implore you to not settle the case against Microsoft in the manner that has been publicized.

Microsoft has already been found guilty of abusing its monopoly power- please dictate a suitable punishment to fit the crime, and one, given Microsoft's poor track record, that does not allow Microsoft to police itself. They have proven incapable of such behavior in the past.

Microsoft has shown, time and time again, that it is not interested in following the rulings of courts. It still bullies and threatens real and perceived competitors. Its products are hardly innovative. What Microsoft does best is see when another company creates real innovation, and either buys the company (if that company is small), blatantly creates a rip off of that innovation, or undercuts the innovative company by offering its own product in that market segment that is either free or so low cost that it drives the competitor out of that segment. Ultimately, consumers are the real losers in this scenario.

Standard Oil was broken up for some of the reasons mentioned above.

As an American taxpayer and computer end user, I ask that you help computer industry innovation flourish by creating an environment where might does not make right.

Sincerely,

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